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SUBJ: VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE'S MEETING WITH
PRIME MINISTER VORSTER

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1. WHEN MEETING WITH FAHMY TODAY AFTER HIS RETURN FROM ALEXANDRIA, I TOLD HIM ABOUT VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE'S UPCOMING MEETING WITH SOUTH AFRICAN PRIME MINISTER VORSTER IN VIENNA MAY 19. FAHMY SAID HE HAD HEARD ABOUT IT ON THE RADIO IN ALEXANDRIA.

2. I NOTED THE MEETING WILL INVOLVE AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND IDEAS RATHER THAN SPECIFIC OR DETAILED NEGOTIATIONS. VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE WILL, HOWEVER, MAKE CLEAR TO VORSTER USG SUPPORT FOR INDEPENDENCE IN ZIMBABWE AND NAMIBIA AND THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO A PROGRESSIVE TRANSFORMATION OF SOUTH AFRICAN SOCIETY. HE WILL ALSO NOTE USG SUPPORT FOR UK FONSEC OWEN'S CURRENT EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENCE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF UNSC RESOLUTION 385. FINALLY, VP WILL MAKE CLEAR THAT, WHILE WE VIEW SOUTH AFRICAN GOVT'S ROLE AS CRUCIAL TO PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF NAMIBIAN AND RHODESIAN SITUATIONS, USG ALSO CANNOT IGNORE PRESSING NEED FOR
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CHANGE IN SOUTH AFRICA ITSELF. WE ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO VP'S UPCOMING PRESENTATION TO VORSTER AND BELIEVE THAT IT WILL HELP FURTHER AFRICAN INITIATIVES. WE WILL INFORM GOE OF RESULTS OF VP'S DISCUSSIONS. WE ARE, OF COURSE, REALISTIC AND DO NOT WISH TO RAISE UNDUE EXPECTATIONS ABOUT IMMEDIATE RESULTS.

3. FAHMY APPLAUDED DECISION TO HAVE VP MEET WITH
VORSTER AND TO MAKE THE POINTS I HAD INDICATED. HE
SAID GOE SUPPORTS ALL OF THEM AND HAS DONE SO IN INTER-
NATIONAL FORA. HE WAS PLEASED THAT USG ALSO WEIGHING
IN AND OPINED THIS SHOULD HAVE POSITIVE EFFECT ON VARIOUS
AFRICAN GOVTS WHO HAVE HERETOFORE BEEN DOUBTFUL ABOUT
EXTENT OF USG'S COMMITMENT TO SOCIAL AND POLITICAL CHANGE
IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. HE WISHED VP SUCCESS ON HIS MISSION
AND SAID HE WILL LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING OUTCOME OF TALKS.
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